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NEW YORK  
8/14/53

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CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL, FPM - CUBA, NM, RA. U.S. CUSTOMS  
AGENT [REDACTED] NYC, ADVISED TODAY THAT ARMS DEALER,

[REDACTED] HAD SHIPPED 200 M-1  
CARBINES TO THE LARIDO GUN SHOP, LARIDO, TEXAS IN THE PAST  
FOUR MONTHS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ALL PARTS TO COMPLETE THESE WEAPONS EXCEPT  
RECEIVERS HAVE BEEN SHIPPED. [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] A NYC ARMS DEALER, WHO WAS RECENTLY  
ARRESTED FOR HAVING UNREGISTERED FIREARMS IN HIS POSSESSION  
BY THE NYCPD, IS ALSO REPORTED TO HAVE SHIPPED RIFLES TO THE  
LARIDO GUN SHOP. [REDACTED] STATED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HE SAID HE HAS  
REASON TO BELIEVE THAT [REDACTED]

3 - Bureau [REDACTED] (REGULAR)  
1 - Miami [REDACTED] (AIR MAIL)  
2 - San Antonio (AIR MAIL)

WPG:AO (#1)  
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[REDACTED] STATED [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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THE SAN ANTONIO OFFICE IS REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN LIAISON WITH CUSTOMS AGENT [REDACTED] AND TO ATTEMPT TO DISCREETLY ASCERTAIN THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF THE WEAPONS REFERRED TO ABOVE. NY IS OFFICE OF ORIGIN IN THIS INVESTIGATION THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO DETERMINE IF CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS AND OTHER PROMINENT CUBAN POLITICAL FIGURES ARE ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE AND ARM AN EXPEDITION AGAINST THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT IN THE U.S. THE BUREAU HAS AUTHORIZED THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN THIS INVESTIGATION WITH THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE WHICH HAS PRIMARY JURISDICTION OVER SMUGGLING ACTIVITIES.

BOAREMAN

9-7-54 1 A (1) 2 Photos of Rafael Izquierdo Martinez

9-7-54 1 A (2) 2 Photos of Candido Gerardo De La Torre Herrera

9-7-54 1 A (3) 2 photos of Manuel Fernandez Madariaga

9-7-54 1 A (4) 2 photos of Jose Antonio Duarte Oropesa

9-7-54 1 A (5) 2 photos of Elias Manuel Garcia Del Busto

11-29-54 1A (6) 1 photo of Aurelino Sanchez Arango

11-29-54 1A (7) 1 photo of Jose Luis Francisco Fernandez Espinosa

4/26/57 - 1A (8) - 7 photos & 7 negs. of Calisto Sanchez Gonzalez

3/26/58 1A (9) FD-302 re interview with W. Lee Moore  
2/17/58 & 2/18/58

9/27/61 - 1A (10) 18 photos of Rafael Casimiro Costa Hernandez

9/27/61 - 1A (11) 1 group photo including <sup>Ramon</sup> Raymond, Rafael  
Casimiro Costa Hernandez

9/27/61 - 1A (12) 1 Photo of Ramon Raymond

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From.....F.B.I.....  
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.....New York.....  
(Address of contributor)

By.....  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No (X)

Description: 2 photos of  
Rafael Angelino Mantilla

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**RAFAEL IZQUIERDO MARTINEZ**

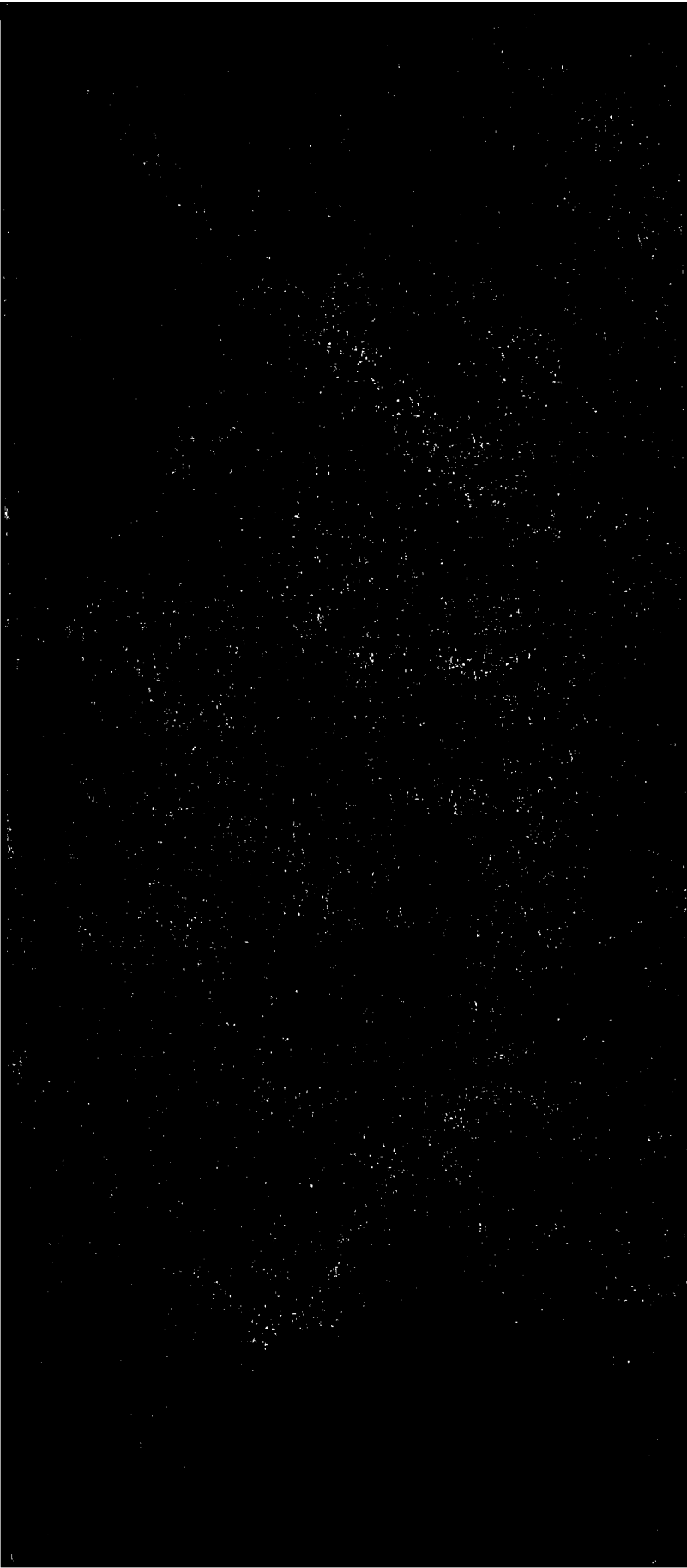


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**RAFAEL IZQUIERDO MARTINEZ**



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CANDIDO GERARDO DE LA TORRE  
HERRERA



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CANDIDO GERARDO DE LA TORRE  
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MANUEL FERNANDEZ MADARIAGA



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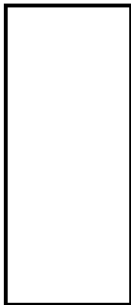
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**Willie Mendoza, Pepe**

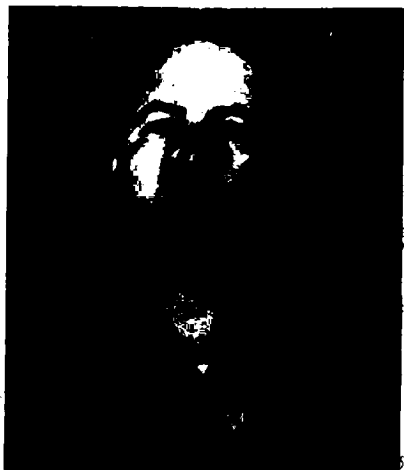
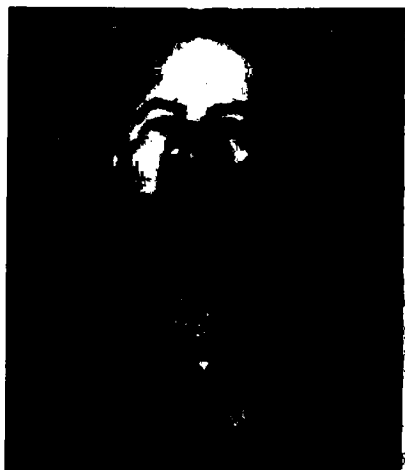


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**JOSE ANTONIO DUARTE OROPESA, was:**  
**Willie Mendoza, Pepe**



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**Manuel Garcia, Manuel Alvarez**



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**ELIAS MANUEL GARCIA DEL BUSTO, was:**  
**Manuel Garcia, Manuel Alvarez**





Date Received 11-29-54

From F.B.I. New York  
(Name of contributor)

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(Address of contributor)

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Special Agent)

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Aureliano Sanchez Arango

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AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO



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To Be Returned Yes ( )  
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Jose Luis Francisco Fernandez  
Espinoza  
File No. \_\_\_\_\_



File No.

[Redacted]

Date Received 6-19-57

From INS  
(Name of contributor)

SA  
(Address of contributor)

By [Signature]  
(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned Yes ( )  
No ( ☒ )

Description:

78 Photos of photos of  
Calixto Sanchez  
Gonzalez  
and negatives thereof.

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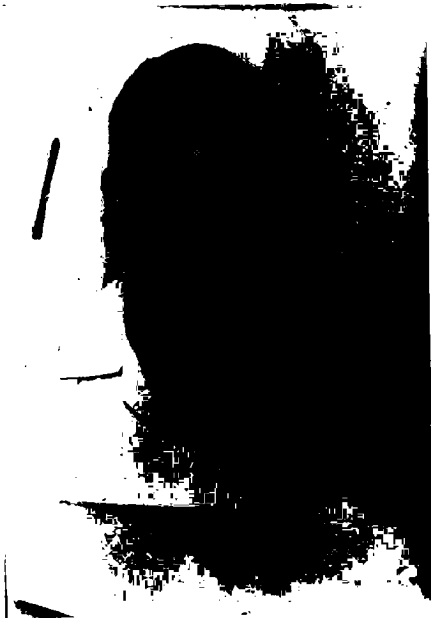
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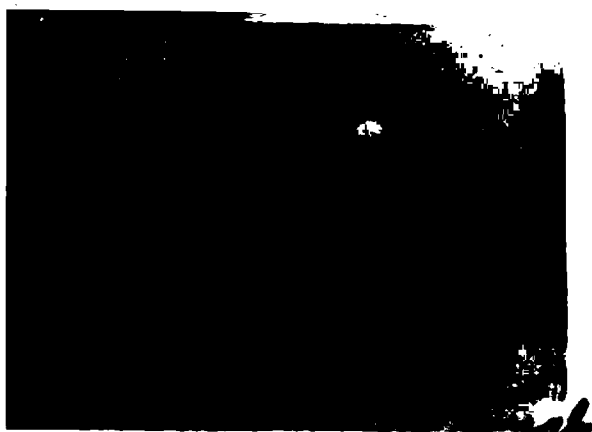
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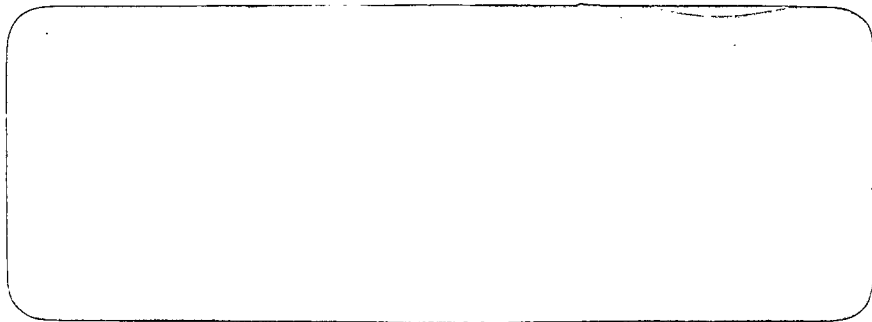


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FD 302  
(6-8-57)

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INTERVIEW REPORT

3/25/58

On February 17, 1958, [ ] telephoned  
the San Antonio FBI Office and advised he was [ ]

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[ ] described [ ] as a fast talker, who  
claimed to be [ ] may  
have said that the [ ]

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[ ] said the [ ]

The [ ] was [ ]

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[ ] stated he was furnishing this information  
due to an item appearing in the newspaper [ ]

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Interview with [ ] File # [ ]  
on 2/17/58 & 2/18/58 at San Antonio, Texas Dictated: 3/24/58  
by Special Agent JOHN M. KEMMY/lmj 

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and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed  
outside the agency to which loaned.

FD 302 (CONT'D)

On February 18, 1958, [ ] again telephonically  
advised that [ ]

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On February 17, 1958, [ ] furnished the following  
descriptions of ARGUEZ and McALLISTER:

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ARQUEZ

Name	MANUEL ARQUEZ
Age	35 - 37
Weight	150 pounds
Height	5' 7"
Hair	Dark
Characteristics	Typically Spanish looking; spoke English with slight accent

McALLISTER

Name	H. J. McALLISTER
Age	About 45
Height	6'
Build	Average
Weight	180 pounds
Remarks	Did not wear moustache or glasses

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Date Received 1/10/67

From

Lealie Bobo, U.S. Customs

(Name of contributor)

44 - Allen Tex

(Address of contributor)

By

W.H. Crossen

(Name of Special Agent)

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Yes ( )

No (X)

Description:

1 Photo of Rafael Casimiro  
Canta - Hernandez

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9/18/61

From

Leslie B. B. J. S. Customs

(Name of contributor)

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W. Allen, Tex

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(Address of contributor)

By

H. H. Cronett

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ( )

No (X)

Description:

1 Group photo including  
Ramon Raymond, Rafael  
Casimiro Canto-Hernandez  
and 5 unidentified persons.

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9/18/61

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Leah Bobb, US Customs

(Name of contributor)

M. Allen Lee

(Address of contributor)

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H. H. Grossert

(Name of Special Agent)

To Be Returned

Yes ( )

No (X)

Description:

1 Photo of Ramon Raymond

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FILE

FROM : SAC M. P. CHILES

SUBJECT: HIJACKING OF CUBAN OFFICIALS,  
FORT WORTH, TEXAS  
[REDACTED] - INFORMANT  
NEUTRALITY ACT

DATE: 10/15/53

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[REDACTED] personally appeared at this office at approximately [REDACTED] and stated that he had been referred here by his attorney, former U. S. Attorney [REDACTED]. He stated [REDACTED]

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The above information was telephonically furnished to the Dallas office and SAC MUMFORD advised that his office had no interest in the unrecovered money which, as far as he recalled, was approximately [REDACTED]. He stated the Dallas Division would send an airtel to New York and the Bureau concerning this proposition and that no further action would be necessary by this office.

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Upon receipt of this information [REDACTED] was advised this matter did not come within the jurisdiction of the FBI and it was suggested he should continue to work through the Sheriff's Office or the local Police Department in view of the fact there was possibly a violation of state laws involved.

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He was advised this office did not have jurisdiction in the matter and it was suggested he get in touch with the Sheriff's Office or the local Police Department as local laws had possibly been violated.

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No further action is being taken.

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CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL; FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA; NEUTRALITY MATTERS;

REGISTRATION ACT. SAN ANTONIO TODAY ADVISED THAT [REDACTED] WHO REPRESENTED HIMSELF AS [REDACTED]

CONTACTED THE SA OFFICE THIS DATE

AND STATED THAT [REDACTED]

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REQUESTED SA TO DETERMINE IF

REWARD HAD BEEN OFFERED [REDACTED]

COULD

CONTACT [REDACTED]

INDICATED THAT HE HAD TOLD HIS ATTORNEY AND REPORTED SAME TO SHERIFF KILDAY

OF SAN ANTONIO, WHO ADVISED FT. WORTH PD. SA WAS ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

NO

ACTION WILL BE TAKEN BY THIS OFFICE, AS FT. WORTH PD NOTIFIED.

WHR:lp

MUMFORD

2 cc: NEW YORK [REDACTED]

1 cc: SAN ANTONIO

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FBI SAN ANTONIO 10-24-53

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DIRECTOR [REDACTED]

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CARLOS PRIOS SOCARRAS, ETAL, FPM DASH CUBA, NM AND RA.

RE AIRTEL MIAMI TO DIRECTOR 10-22-53. TELEPHONE NUMBER

PARKVIEW 2-2986, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, LISTED TO DR. H. N.

GONZALEZ, 221 WEST KINGS HIGHWAY, SAN ANTONIO. CITY DIRECTORY

REFLECTS DR. HESQUIO N. GONZALEZ, WIFE MARIE, OF ABOVE ADDRESS

AFFILIATED WITH DRS. SAUL S. TREVINO, JOAQUIN B. GONZALEZ,

RODOLFO O. MONSALVO, AND RAMIRO P. ESTRADA IN OPERATION OF

POLYCLINIC AT 526 WEST HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO. INDICES OF

SAN ANTONIO OFFICE CONTAIN NO RECORD OF ANY OF ABOVE INDIVIDUALS. ~~END~~

<sup>me</sup>  
CHILES

DAJ:

[REDACTED]  
cc - New York [REDACTED]  
Miami [REDACTED]  
Dallas (87-2242)

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[REDACTED]

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

Director, FBI [REDACTED]

DATE: NOV 4 1953

FROM :

SAC, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT :

CARLOS PRIO SOCCARAS  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER - CUBA  
NEUTRALITY MATTERS  
REGISTRATION ACT

OO: NEW YORK

For the information of the offices not having received previous communications relative to instant investigation, the following will be of interest:

During the latter part of August, 1953, a confidential informant, of known reliability, [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED]

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- 2 cc Albany (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Baltimore (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Boston (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Buffalo (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Chicago (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Cleveland (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Indianapolis (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Kansas City (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Los Angeles (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 cc Miami [REDACTED] (info) (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc New Haven (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc New York [REDACTED] (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc Philadelphia (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc San Antonio (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 2 cc St. Louis (REGISTERED MAIL)
- 1 cc Washington Field [REDACTED] (REGISTERED MAIL)

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REGISTERED MAIL

[REDACTED]

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Informant obtained

Informant

also observed

Informant stated that.

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Indications are that an attempt may possibly be made to overthrow the BATISTA government in Cuba at some time in the near future.

This investigation is being conducted to determine if CARLOS PRIO SOCCARAS and his followers are organizing a military or naval expedition from the United States against Cuba in violation of Section 980, Title 10, U.S. Code, or in violation of the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

The above-mentioned informant also advised.

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Informant stated that

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On 10/7/53, informant stated that [redacted]

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It is to be noted that the following agencies have either conducted previous investigation in this matter or are presently conducting investigation:

Security Division of the Department of State  
Munitions Division of the Department of State  
CID  
ATU  
United States Customs

The New York Office is presently maintaining close liaison with the United States Customs Office inasmuch as the New York office of the U.S. Customs is presently actively engaged in an investigation relative to this matter.

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[redacted]

On 10/13/53, [redacted]

[redacted] telephonically advised the Newark Office that he desired to have an agent contact him at the [redacted]

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[redacted] was contacted, and he advised that the previous evening, 10/12/53, he realized that "six of your men were here," but that he could not furnish all of the information "we" had requested at that time. [redacted] was advised that the persons to

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whom he referred were not from the FBI, but were in all probability associated with some other Government agency. [ ] stated that he recalled that their credentials did indicate "U.S. Customs," but he added that he was under the impression that they were a part of the FBI. It was carefully and clearly pointed out to [ ] that the FBI and the U.S. Customs are two separate and distinct agencies, both at times having jurisdiction over different aspects of the same Federal Statutes. [ ] appreciated the above explanation and stated that he would convey the information he had to the U.S. Customs agents.

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[ ] advised that [ ]

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[ ] stated that [ ]

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The above information has been substantiated inasmuch as a report was subsequently received by the New York Office from U.S. Customs which reflected the extent of their investigation on the night of 10/12/53 at Newark airport.



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In view of the active investigation and surveillances presently [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in the New York-New Jersey area, the Newark Office has confined its investigative efforts to discreet inquiries in an effort to identify [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] COLLE and UMPHREY inasmuch as it appears that COLLE and UMPHREY are dealing with a third party who, in all probability, is in direct contact with the subject of this investigation.

There will be set out below by field office the results of toll-call checks made on the telephones subscribed to by CHARLES COLLE, GEORGE N. UMPHREY and Doc Beansy's Used Cars, which is owned and operated by VINCENT J. DELLA TOREE. All of these calls were made during 1953. It is requested that all offices receiving a copy of this letter identify the subscribers or attempt to ascertain discreetly the text of the telegrams. All offices will also check their indices for information concerning subscribers and/or persons called pertinent to this investigation, bearing in mind that firearms dealers and persons engaged in the import-export business are of particular interest. It is desired that only pertinent information be reported in report form:

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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
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ALBANY

Call made from ORange 2-7494

6/9	KIngston 533-M-2
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BALTIMORE

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6/4	BElair 878	CARRICO

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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
6/8	SA or SAP or SAD 8-0262	LIVINGSTON
6/12	Logan 7/3720	Firearms International Corp.

BOSTON

Calls made from ORange 2-7494:

5/18; 6/15, 16; 7/8	Wilbraham 6-3179	GEORGE BREADY
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Calls made from HUBbard 7-9805:

7/31	Winthrop, Mass. Ocean 3-0273	
8/3	Old Orchard Beach, Me. 6-4144	LOUIS GRECCO

BUFFALO

Calls made from ORange 2-7494:

6/16, 23, 29; 7/6, 15	Rochester, N.Y. BAker 8-973	TOMMY FID
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CHICAGO

Calls made from MIlwaukee 1636-R-12:

8/10	Monroe 6-0140	JOSEPH SCAROMUSEEO
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Calls made from ORange 2-7494:		
6/4	MONroe 6-0140	JOE SCARAMOSO
Call made from HUBbard 7-9805:		
6/5	RAdecliffe 3-6216	Collect call from SPARBEY

CLEVELAND

Call made from ORange 2-7494:		
7/13	NEW London 2401	MILLER BEDFORD

INDIANAPOLIS Callsmade from ORange 2-7494:

5/16	Telegram to ROZZELLE, Westfield, Ind., signed "GEORGE" (UMPHREY).	
5/22,26,27	Westfield 67-F-15	Collect call from DONALD ROZZELLE
5/25	Westfield 67-F-15	Collect call from BROADVEL
6/10,12,16; 7/3,11,20,30; 8/10	Westfield 67-F-15	DONALD ROSSELLE, ROZZELLE, ROZELLE, ROZZELL

KANSAS CITY

Call made from ORange 2-7494:		
8/11.	Telegram to Kansas City, Mo., signed GEORGE UMPHREY.	

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>NUMBER CALLED</u>	<u>PERSON CALLED</u>
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LOS ANGELES      Call made from ORange 2-7494:

6/8	BURbank, Calif. CHaraton 8-4467	HUNTER at American Weapons Co., 3031 West BURbank Ave., from CHARLES COLLE
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NEW HAVEN

Call made from ORange 2-7494:

6/18;7/3      Telegram to New Haven, signed GEORGE UMPHREY

Call made from HUBbard 7-9805:

7/27      NEW Haven 4-2026

NEW YORK

Calls made from MILLville 1636-R-12:

8/11	LONGacre 3-4339	RUDIMAN
6/24	MAMaroneck 9-3838	GEORGE NUNRICK

Calls made from ORange 2-7494:

5/18,26,27	BATavia 172	(On 5/27, COLLE called UMPHREY from this number)
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5/29      BEekman 3-2766

5/20      CHelsea 2-5450

6/27;7/8      CHickering 4-0237

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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
7/13	CHickering 4-3317	
7/16	CIRcle 7-5400	
6/8,10; 7/31; 8/6 (2 calls),13	Cortlandt 7-1792	
7/15,16	ELlenville 101	AL BERKHART
7/13	ENDicott 2-1520	
5/20	FRedonia 2-7858	
7/6	GEDney 4-6725	
7/8	LAckawanna 4-6000	
7/8 (3 calls)	LEXington 2-9308	
7/15; 8/11 (2calls)	LONGacre 3-4339	
7/13 (2 calls)	LORraine 8-9000	
6/8,16, 19 (2 calls) 30	MAMaroneck 9-3830	GEORGE NUMRICH Numrich Arms Co.
7/24	MURray Hill 2-3600	
8/14	MURray Hill 2-9152	
5/29	PEnnsylvania 6-1321	
7/7	PLaza 3-7127	

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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
27 calls between 5/18 and 8/6	RAvenswood 9-0390	
5/26, 6/9	REgent 4-5116	
5/22 (2 calls)	STirling 8-7676	
7/7	STillwell 4-1878	
6/4	TAlmadge 8-3843	
5/19	TWining 8-5000	
24 calls between 5/22 and 8/14	WAlker 5-4881	
7/7	WAtkins 9-1648	
55 calls between 5/18 and 8/4	WOrth 2-0562	
5/22	WOrth 2-0939	
7/24	WOrth 2-8277	
7/24	WOrth 4-0400	
7/7	WOrth 4-0590	
8/7	WYandotte 2-0036	Collect call from FRANK CIRINGIONE
7/2 (2 calls) 7/10, 21; 8/4, 6	YOnkers 5-3600	

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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
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6/30	Yonkers 5-7550	
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Calls made from Hubbard 7-9805:

6/2,10	Audubon 6-5909	
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7/4,6; 8/3	Canal 8-2492	
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7/10,16	Canal 6-9225	
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8/12	Circle 5-7293	
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6/4; 7/27,30	Circle 6-9100	
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7/14	Circle 7-0300	
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7/2	Circle 7-3990	
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6/2	Circle 7-4000	
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6/25	Circle 7-5352	
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7/21	Cypress 3-9100	
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8/27	Cypress 4-0400	
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7/16 (2 calls)	Digby 4-5468	
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6/17,23	Eldorado 5-1390	
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7/1	Foundation 8-1034	
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6/2 (2 calls)	Gramercy 3-6400	
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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
8/4	GRamercy 3-9468	
6/4,15	GRamercy 7-4679	
6/4,5 (2 calls)	GRamercy 7-6040	
6/7;7/17	JUdson 2-9630	
7/7	JUdson 2-9679	
7/13	JUdson 6-7335	
6/2	LOngacre 3-1000	
8/26	LOngacre 4-1600	
8/1	OLympia 7-1956	
8/24	OREgon 5-5628	
7 calls between 6/29 and 8/13	OREgon 7-2144	
8/7, 8 (2 calls)	OXford 5-2750	
8/7	PLaza 5-4400	
6/22;8/15, 27,29,31	PLaza 5-5800	
6/4	PLaza 9-1980	
6/17;7/24	RIverside 9-8782	



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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
8/7	SLocum 6-4063	
6/5	TRafalgar 4-3155	
7/7	TRafalgar 4-7250	
7/6	TRafalgar 4-8174	
6/9	UNiversity 4-2628	
7/31	WAlker 5-0880	
6/8	WISconsin 7-7271	
8/18	WOrth 2-3855	
7/21	WOrth 2-8606	
7/18,21	WOrth 2-9414	
7/14	YOnkers 9-8741	
8/3	YOnkers 9-9169	

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Call made from Millville 1.636-R-12

7/22	NORristown 5-8816	DICK REPPERT
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Call made from ORange 2-7494

5/25;6/1, 16,25;7/6, 24;8/4	BUckingham 3856	JAMES SHWARTZ Shwartz Antiques New Hope, Pa.
5/19	GRanite 4-6993	IRVING JOFFEE 5114 Spruce St. Philadelphia, Pa.

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DATE	NUMBER CALLED	PERSON CALLED
8/13	LEWistown 3406	AURANDS
7/21	NEWtown 2256	W. SMLA
7/25	NORristown 5-8816	RUPPERT
7/20	PENNypacker 5-4760	Gun buyer (FLOOD) Murta-Appleton Co. Sampson and 12th Sts. Philadelphia, Pa.
5/12,13 (2 calls)	Telegrams to Wilkes-Barre, possibly to MELVIN SMITH.	signed GEORGE UMPHREY,
6/20	Wilkes-Barre 2-3594	JAMES D'AMICO 11 Butler St.
20 calls between 5/26 and 8/15	Wilkes-Barre 4-2443	MELVIN SMITH

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Calls made from ORange 2-7494 ✓

6/1 Telegram to Laredo, Texas, signed GEORGE (UMPHREY),  
possibly to JOHNNY REGINO

6/11,13 LARedo 2-1520 Collect from JOHNNY  
REGINO or C. J. REGINO

ST. LOUIS

Call made from ORange 2-7494:

8/10 Telegram to St. Louis, Mo., signed GEORGE UMPHREY

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Identity of Source	Date of Activity And/or Description of Information	Date Furnished	Agent	Location
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For purposes of documentation, the following should be used:

A. COLLE (Father of CHARLES COLLE)  
Millville, N.J.  
Telephone: 1636-R-12

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GEORGE N. UMPHREY  
459 Central Ave.  
East Orange, N.J.  
ORange 2-7494

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DOC BEANSY USED CARS  
(Owned by VINCENT J. DELLA TORRE)  
State Highway 6  
Little Ferry, N.J.  
HUBbard 7-9805

NK 1741-S	6/1-9/1 /53	9/15/53	"	"
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All offices preparing reports in instant case will designate 8 copies for the Bureau and 5 copies for New York, office of origin. Information copies should also be designated for Miami and Washington Field Offices in view of their present interest in instant investigation.

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REPORT MADE AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 1/4/54	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/23;12/1,21/53	REPORT MADE BY LEWIS C. TAYLOR
TITLE CARLOS PRIO SOCCARAS, ET AL			CHARACTER OF CASE FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTER- CUBA NEUTRALITY MATTERS REGISTRATION ACT

## SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

U. S. Customs Agency Service, Laredo, Texas, [REDACTED]

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DETAILS: AT LAREDO, TEXAS

[REDACTED] U. S. Customs Agency Service,  
and [REDACTED] U. S. Customs Agency Service, have been contacted  
by Special Agent BRUNO F. DREYER on November 23, 1953 and December 1,  
1953, respectively, and have advised that [REDACTED]

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No other inquiries have been made by the San Antonio Office  
concerning the [REDACTED]

With reference [REDACTED]

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: [REDACTED]	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES OF THIS REPORT		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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1 - Washington Field (Info.) [REDACTED] (REGISTERED MAIL)			
1 - San Antonio [REDACTED]			

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REFERENCE

Airtel from New York to the Bureau dated 8/14/53.  
Letter from Newark to the Bureau dated 11/4/53.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM - United States Government

To : Director, FBI

Date: 8/31/54

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From : SAC, New York

Subject: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS; ET AL  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT  
(OO-NY)

Rebulet 7/13/54.

The individuals whose descriptions are set forth below have been requested by the Department of Justice to register under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended. To date these individuals have failed to comply with this request and are believed to be outside the US. These individuals have been associated with CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, deposed President of Cuba, in a revolutionary conspiracy to overthrow the present Cuban Government. These individuals have also been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in [redacted]  
This prosecution is under the jurisdiction of the US Customs Service.

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The WFO is requested to place stops with INS and the Customs Service at Washington, DC, so that the Bureau will be advised immediately if any of these individuals enter the US. All offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to immediately notify the Bureau, the NYO, and the nearest office of the US Customs Service if they receive any information indicating any of these individuals have entered the US.

Two photographs of each of the below-listed individuals are enclosed for each office receiving copies of this letter.

- 2 - Albuquerque (Enc. 10)
- 2 - El Paso (Enc. 10)
- 2 - Houston (Enc. 10)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 10)
- 2 - Mobile (Enc. 10)
- 2 - Miami [redacted] (Enc. 10)
- 2 - New Orleans (Enc. 10)
- 2 - Phoenix (Enc. 10)
- ② - San Antonio (Enc. 10)
- 2 - San Diego (Enc. 10)
- 2 - Washington Field (Enc. 10)

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SAC, New York

September 16, 1954

Director, FBI

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CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, et al  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT

Re New York letter to Bureau dated August 31, 1954, requesting stops be placed with INS and Bureau of Customs at Washington.

Referenced letter requested all Offices receiving copies of that letter to notify the Bureau, New York Office, and the nearest office of the Bureau of Customs upon the receipt of any information indicating the arrival in the United States of the individuals mentioned in referenced letter.

Your attention is called to the fact that the individuals referred to in referenced letter are under indictment by the Bureau of Customs. At the present time the FBI has no charges and has secured no warrants for the arrest of these individuals. These individuals under no circumstances are to be arrested by Bureau Agents. The Bureau should be promptly advised by teletype of the arrival of these individuals in the United States in order that the Bureau may advise the Department.

The Bureau of Customs should be promptly advised of the arrival of these individuals in the United States in order the Customs may place these individuals under arrest if they so desire.

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2cc - Houston  
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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TO : Director, FBI [REDACTED]  
FROM : SAC, New York [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL  
FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA  
REGISTRATION ACT  
OO-NY

DATE: 11/19/54

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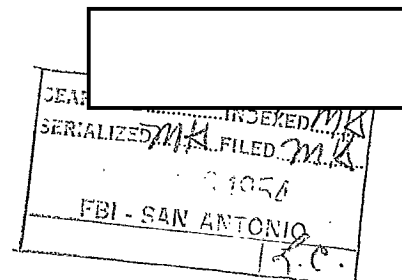
The individuals whose descriptions are set forth below have been requested by the Department of Justice to register under the terms of the Foreign Agent Registration Act of 1938, as amended. To date these individuals have failed to comply with this request and are believed to be outside the US. These individuals have been associated with CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, deposed President of Cuba, in a revolutionary conspiracy to overthrow the present Cuban government.

The WFO is requested to place stops with INS and the Customs Service at Washington, D.C. so that the Bureau will be advised immediately if any of these individuals enter the US.

All offices receiving copies of this letter are requested to immediately notify the Bureau, the NYO and the nearest office of the US Customs Service if they receive any information indicating any of these individuals have entered the US.

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- 2 - El Paso (Encs. 4)
- 2 - Houston (Encs. 4)
- 2 - Los Angeles (Encs. 4)
- 2 - Mobile (Encs. 4)
- 2 - Miami [REDACTED] (Encs. 4)
- 2 - New Orleans (Encs. 4)
- 2 - Phoenix (Encs. 4)
- 2 - San Antonio (Encs. 4)
- 2 - San Diego (Encs. 4)
- 2 - Washington Field (Encs. 4)

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

6/12/57

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FROM: SAC, WFO [REDACTED]

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS

Et Al

FPM - CUBA;

NM

Re Miami teletype to Director dated 5/31/57, which requested WFO to check Central Office, INS, re [REDACTED] for photograph, identifying data and travel information.

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SE JOHN W. SULLIVAN caused a check to be made of the records of the Central Office, INS, on the above names with the following results. No record located Central Office INS, re [REDACTED]

On 6/10/57, INS advised that their file A-8981227 concerning [REDACTED] had been sent to INS District Office at Brownsville, Texas, on 3/29/57.

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The San Antonio Office will comply with Miami request as set forth in referenced Miami teletype. This matter should be given expeditious handling.

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2 - Miami [REDACTED]  
2 - San Antonio  
1 - WFO

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC [REDACTED]  
FROM : SA JAMES R. WILSON  
SUBJECT: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS  
Et Al  
FPM - CUBA;  
NM

DATE: 6/17/57

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Re WFO airtel to Director dated 6/12/57.

The following investigation was conducted this date:

AT BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS

Mr. W. J. CAMERON, Supervisory Inspector, U. S. I&NS Port of Entry Office, Gateway International Bridge, advised his office does not have file #A-8981227 pertaining to [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and he has no record of its having been received. He stated the Brownsville office is not a District Office, and that files requested by the Brownsville office are sent by the Central Office to the District Office at San Antonio. He stated if the U. S. Border Patrol Office at Brownsville does not have such file, it will very likely be located at the District Office at San Antonio.

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Assistant Chief Patrol Inspector WILLIAM H. BROWDER, USBP, Brownsville Sector Headquarters, advised instant file is not in the possession of that office.

LEAD  
AT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Will check the records of the District Office of INS to determine if instant file is not located there. Will review same as requested by refairtel.

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At the present time the FBI has secured no warrants for the arrests of these individuals and these individuals under no circumstances are to be arrested by Bureau agents. The Bureau should be promptly advised by teletype of the arrival of these individuals in the US in order that the Bureau may advise the Department.

2 photographs of each of the individuals described below are enclosed for each office receiving copies of this letter.

AURELIANO SANCHEZ ARANGO, was: Guillermo Fuentes  
Gonzalez, Jose Victor Sanchez Valdez, Jose Victor  
Sanchez Velazquez

Height	5'8"
Build	Heavy
Eyes	Brown
Hair	Brown, turning gray
Race	White
Birth	6/7/07, Havana, Cuba
Parents	FORTUNATO SANCHEZ and URSULA ARANGO
Profession	Attorney and politician
Last Known Address	Mexico City, Mexico

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June 19, 1957

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AIR MAIL

[REDACTED]

DIRECTOR, FBI

RE: CARLOS PRIO BOCARRAS  
Et Al  
PPH - CUBA  
NM

Re WFO Airtel to Bureau 6/12/57.

Referenced Airtel referred to Miami teletype to Bureau 5/31/57 which requested WFO to check Central Office, INS, re [REDACTED] for photograph, identifying data and travel information.

San Antonio not in possession of Miami teletype and, therefore, INS file, San Antonio, checked on basis of information appearing in referenced Airtel.

On 6/17/57, Mr. W. J. CAMERON, Supervisory Inspector, U. S. INS Port of Entry Office, Gateway International Bridge, advised SA JAMES R. WILSON his office does not have file #A-8981227 pertaining to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and he has no record on its having been received. He stated the Brownsville office is not a District Office and that files requested by the Brownsville Office are sent by the Central Office to the District Office at San Antonio. He stated if the U. S. Border Patrol does not have such file, it will very likely be located at the District Office in San Antonio.

On 6/17/57, Assistant Chief Patrol Inspector WILLIAM BROWDER, USBP, Brownsville Sector Headquarters, advised instant file is not in the possession of that office.

3 - Bureau

2 - WFO [REDACTED]

2 - Miami [REDACTED]

1 - San Antonio [REDACTED]

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On 6/19/57, SA JOHN M. KEMMEY checked INS file #A-8981227 at the District Office, INS, San Antonio. The file reflects an "Application for Immigrant Visa and Alien Registration [REDACTED] made by [REDACTED] to Vice Consul at Monterrey, Mexico. This application reflects the following:

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This application reflects that he intended to remain in the U. S. permanently, and that he had previously been in the U. S. during the period of 1946-1955.

This application was signed on 2/23/55 by [redacted]

[redacted]

INS file further reflects he arrived in U. S. at [redacted] and was admitted. His visa was issued on [redacted] He was using passport [redacted] issued to [redacted]

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Two photographs of [redacted] appeared in INS file. Photographs of these photographs were taken on 6/19/57 and are being developed. Copies thereof will be furnished Miami and/or Bureau upon request.

INS requests that information remain Confidential.

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URGENT 10-16-57 8-12 PM EST RBJ

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC-S SAN ANTONIO, LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK  
FROM SAC, MIAMI 4P [REDACTED]

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL, FPM DASH CUBA, NM, RA.

RE MIAMI TEL OCTOBER ELEVEN LAST. ON OCTOBER FIFTEEN LAST

[REDACTED]  
MIAMI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SINCE SUNDAY LAST VICINITY

[REDACTED] WHICH

IS REPORTEDLY FINANCED BY [REDACTED]

52-3572 indicates  
Spec. connected with  
SP-AIR-ES Co.  
of San Antonio.  
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reply  
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[REDACTED] ON OCTOBER TEN LAST CAMELLERI RECEIVED WU  
TELEGRAM FROM GUILLERMO VERDAGUER, EJERCITO NACIONAL THIRTY  
TWO, APT FIVE ZERO TWO, MEXICO CITY, READING QUOTE PLEASE WIRE  
BACK COLLECT IF [REDACTED] b7D

[REDACTED] END QUOTE. LAST SATURDAY  
CAMELLERI RECEIVED LD CALL FROM [REDACTED] BELIEVED NAMED  
VAZQUEZ, BUT NOT BELIEVED IDENTICAL DANIEL VAZQUEZ, IN  
MEXICO CITY SPEAKING BEHALF GUILLERMO VERDAGUER INQUIRING  
ABOUT [REDACTED] CAMELLERI TOLD HIM HE KNEW ONLY OF

[REDACTED] b7D  
ON OCTOBER NINE CAMELLERI [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ON SAME DATE CAMELLERI WIRED GUILLERMO QUOTE THERE  
ARE TWO [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] PRICE TWENTY THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH  
END QUOTE. YESTERDAY FATHER VERDAGUER ADVISED CAMELLERI THAT  
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GUILLERMO EXPECTED ARRIVE MIAMI TODAY [REDACTED] CAMELLERI  
STATED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] USE, ONE

NEEDED NOW AND ONE LATER, AND BOTH DESTINED MEXICO. CAMELLERI  
SCHEDULED DEPART MIAMI TODAY ON FERRY MISSION BUT WILL SOON  
RETURN AND VOLUNTEERED ADVISE FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. CAMELLERI  
ADVISED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] CAA, MIAMI, ADVISED TODAY

NEITHER [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] USC AND INS, MIAMI, NOTIFIED. NEW YORK

AT AFB, MITCHELL FIELD, LONG ISLAND IMMEDIATELY ASCERTAIN IDENTITY  
AND DETAILS PURCHASER [REDACTED] AND ADVISE INTERESTED OFFICES  
SUTEL. LOS ANGELES AND OR SAN ANTONIO PENDING RESULTS NEW YORK  
INVESTIGATION RE PURCHASER WILL CONTACT PURCHASER, APPARENTLY  
ARROW SALES, CORP, N. HOLLYWOOD OR RAYMOND SPEED, SPEED AND FORD,  
SAN ANTONIO FOR COMPLETE DETAILS PURCHASE. FOR INFO LOS ANGELES  
AND SAN ANTONIO, GUILLERMO AND ROBERTO VERDAGUER, CUBAN BROTHERS

[REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY INVOLVED CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY

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ACTIVITIES, AND NAMES RECENTLY MENTIONED [REDACTED] IN

ALLEGED PLOT BOMB CAMP COLOMBIA, CUBA, WITH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ASCERTAIN IF ANY CUBANS INSPIRED OR CONNECTED  
IN ANY WAY WITH PURCHASE ABOVE [REDACTED] SUTEL.

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NY OK FBI NY AGE

SA OK FBI SA BCM

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TO DIRECTOR 11 AND SACS ~~CHARLOTTE~~, ~~KNOXVILLE~~, LOS ANGELES, LOUISVILLE,  
MIAMI AND SAN ANTONIO

FROM SAC NEW YORK 2 P

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL, FPM DASH CUBA, NM, RA. BUFILE [REDACTED]

RE MIAMI TEL

OCTOBER SIXTEENTH LAST. AGENT FRANK DENNIS, JR., OSI, MITCHELL AFB, LONG ISLAND, NY, ADVISED INSTANT DATE THREE B DASH TWENTY SIX TWIN ENGINE DOUGLAS PLANES PURCHASED ARROW SALES CORP., SEVEN FOUR SIX ZERO VARNA AVE., NO. HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA. [REDACTED]

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*No action unless requested  
Arrow Sales Corp., N. Hollywood,  
Cal. is purchaser. P.B.*

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI, SAC, MIAMI, AND SAC, NEW YORK

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL, FPM DASH CUBA, NM, RA.

RE MIAMI TEL OCTOBER SIXTEEN LAST.

INTERVIEWED OCTOBER SEVENTEEN INSTANT.

SAID WOULD ALSO

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EXHIBITED CONTRACT

CJN/lal:cmm

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TO : DIRECTOR AND SAC'S WASHINGTON FIELD, NEW YORK, VIA  
WASHINGTON, MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS

FROM: SAC, [REDACTED]

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CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ETAL, FPM, CUBA, NM, RA. ON FEB. SIX INSTANT

[REDACTED] ADVISED [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INFORMANT INSTRUCTED [REDACTED]

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SA [REDACTED], NEW ORLEANS, SAN ANTONIO  
FROM SAC, MIAMI 4P

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RE CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL, FPM - CUBA- NM- RA. FOR INFO BUREAU,  
NEW ORLEANS, SAN ANTONIO TEL DATED FEB. SEVENTEEN, LAST, TO HOUSTON  
AND MIAMI READS, QUOTE, CUBAN REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES, IS DASH CUBA,  
FPM. ON FEB. SEVENTEEN, INSTANT, [REDACTED]

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CC in [REDACTED] on "Cuban Revolutionary Activities" [REDACTED]

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REFERENCE IS MADE HOUSTON TEL FEB. SEVENTEEN, LAST, WHEREIN

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] UNKNOWN TO INFORMANT. HOUSTON IN  
LIAISON WITH US CUSTOMS, SHOULD IMMEDIATELY FURNISH PHOTOS OF [REDACTED] X

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] HOUSTON  
SHOULD ASCERTAIN FROM INFORMANT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
SAN ANTONIO SHOULD OBTAIN [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO REQUESTED

HEREAFTER DISSEMINATE INFO BUREAU, NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON, MIAMI, AND ANY  
OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES. NEW ORLEANS AT PATTERSON SHOULD CONDUCT  
APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATION CONCERNING [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN ABSENCE BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY, HOUSTON  
REQUESTED INTERVIEW AND OBTAIN SIGNED STATEMENTS FROM ALL PERSONS  
ARRESTED HOUSTON FOR PROPER ESTABLISHING ANY VIOLATIONS NA. ALL  
OFFICES REQUESTED MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH US CUSTOMS, AND WHERE  
PERTINENT, ATTU. SUTEL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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TO DIRECTOR AND SACs HOUSTON, MIAMI AND SAN ANTONIO  
FROM SAC NEW ORLEANS 1P

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ETAL, FPM-CUBA-NM-RA. RE MM TEL TO DIRECTOR  
THIS DATE. EIGHTH DISTRICT CG HEADQUARTERS, NO, ADVISES THAT AS OF  
ELEVEN ZERO EIGHT, AM, CST, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HAS NOT FURTHER

INFO AT THIS TIME ON RESULTS OPERATION. HO AT HOUSTON ESTABLISH  
IMMEDIATE CONTACT USCG, FOLLOW AND REPORT DEVELOPMENTS.

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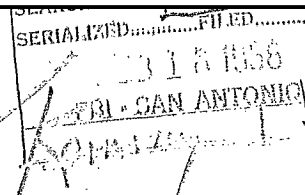
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TO DIRECTOR AND SACS HOUSTON, MIAMI AND SAN ANTONIO

FROM SAC, NEW ORLEANS 1P

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ETAL, FPM-CUBA-NM-RA. REMYTEL TO DIRECTOR  
FOUR ZERO SIX PM THIS DATE. CG HEADQUARTERS, EIGHTH DISTRICT, NO,  
ADVISED AT FIVE ZERO SEVEN PM THIS DATE THAT INFORMATION RECEIVED  
THAT [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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HO HANDLE AS PER MMTEL THIS DATE. NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION NO  
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URGENT 2-18-58 7-03PM WS

TO SAC-S MIAMI, HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, SAN ANTONIO  
FROM DIRECTOR 1P

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL., FPM-CUBA, NM, RA. REMMTEL FEBRUARY  
EIGHTEEN FIFTYEIGHT. ATTENTION DIRECTED BUTEL TO MIAMI, NEW ORLEANS  
AND HOUSTON OFFICES JANUARY THIRTYONE FIFTYEIGHT WHICH INSTRUCTED WITH-  
DRAWAL OF BUREAU FROM THIS INVESTIGATION. THESE INSTRUCTIONS ARE TO  
BE FOLLOWED EXPLICITLY AND MIAMI INSTRUCTIONS IN RETEL ARE TO BE  
DISREGARDED. MIAMI SHOULD NOT IN FUTURE ISSUE ANY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH  
ARE CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN BUTEL OF JANUARY THIRTYONE  
MENTIONED ABOVE WITHOUT PRIOR CLEARANCE FROM BUREAU. CONTINUE TO  
KEEP CUSTOMS ADVISED OF INFORMATION COMING TO YOUR ATTENTION.

END ACK

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TO : SAC

FROM : SA Tom E. Neal

SUBJECT: Carlos Prio Socarras, et al,  
T.P. M-Cuba, NM, RA

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DATE: 2-19-58

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At 9:45 am 2-19-58 [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] telephonically  
advised that [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was advised that as far as the F.B.I was concerned

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NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON

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FROM: SAC, HOUSTON

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ETAL, FPM DASH CUBA, NM, RA. RE MIAMI  
TEL TO BUREAU FEB. EIGHTEEN INSTANT. U. S. CUSTOMS TOOK INTO  
CUSTODY

CUSTOMS AND ATTU, HO, AS A RESULT OF SEARCH WARRANT,

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ATTU AND

- 1 - Newark (AM, RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (AM, RM)
- 1 - San Antonio (AM, RM)

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CUSTOMS APPEAR TO BE DISORGANIZED AS A RESULT OF WHICH THERE APPEARS  
TO BE A GREAT DEAL OF CONFUSION. THE HOUSTON POST, WHO PREMATURELY  
BROKE THIS STORY, AND THE HOUSTON CHRONICLE HAVE ADVISED CONFIDENTIALLY  
THEY HAVE INFO THAT CUSTOMS IS FEEDING INFO CONCERNING ACTIVITIES  
THIS CASE TO HOUSTON PRESS. HOUSTON POST AND CHRONICLE ARE EXTREMELY  
CRITICAL OF THE WAY THIS CASE IS BEING HANDLED BY CUSTOMS AND ATTU  
AND THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS OF STRONG CRITICISM BEFORE THE CASE IS  
OVER DIRECTED AT CUSTOMS AND POSSIBLY ATTU. THIS OFFICE IS NOT  
PARTICIPATING AND WE DEEM IT ADVISABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS POSITION  
AND NOT BECOME INVOLVED. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE INFO IT IS NOT DEEMED  
ADVISABLE BY THE HOUSTON OFFICE TO INTERVIEW OR CONDUCT ANY INVESTI-  
GATION AT THIS TIME OF INDIVIDUALS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY CUSTOMS,  
PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF THE CONTENTS OF BUAIRTEL TO HOUSTON DATED  
FEB. THIRTEEN LAST, WHICH ADVISED THAT ALL JURISDICTION IN THIS  
MATTER LAY WITH CUSTOMS, SINCE THEY WERE CONDUCTING THE PRIMARY  
INQUIRY. WE ARE MAINTAINING LIAISON WITH CUSTOMS, ATTU AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] AND ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED THE  
BUREAU AND INTERESTED OFFICES AS REPORTED. ~~HOUSTON OFFICE~~

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~~INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS CASE~~



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SUBSEQUENT TO THE DICTATION OF THIS TELETYPE, U. S.

CUSTOMS, HO, ADVISED, AFTER DISCUSSION WITH USA, HO, THAT ON  
FEB. NINETEEN NEXT THEY WILL FILE COMPLAINTS AGAINST ALL POSSIBLE  
SUBJECTS THIS AREA CHARGING VIOLATION OF SECTION NINE SIX ZERO,  
TITLE EIGHTEEN, AND CONSPIRACY STATUTE. THIS FURTHER STRENGTHENS  
HOUSTON'S RECOMMENDATION TO REMAIN COMPLETELY OUT OF THIS CASE,  
PARTICULARLY AT THIS TIME. NEWARK, NEW ORLEANS AND SAN ANTONIO  
ADVISED AM.

NOTE NEWARK - Discontinue

# Police Grab Rebel Arms In Houston

## 5 Cubans Jailed; Converted Navy Vessel Is Held

HOUSTON, Feb. 18 (AP)—A house jammed with sub-machine guns, hand grenades and "millions of rounds of ammunition," reportedly for use in an invasion of Cuba, was raided Tuesday by about 50 officers.

A 104-foot converted navy vessel was being "detained pending results of the investigation" at the edgewater dock at Kemah, about two miles from the house raided near Seabrook. Both Kemah and Seabrook are small towns on Galveston Bay about 30 miles southeast of Houston.

Five Cubans have been arrested and charged with violation of the national firearms acts and failing to register weapons. Three other persons were arrested but no charges have been filed against them. More arrests were expected.

All have denied taking part in any plot to overthrow the Fulgencio Batista regime in Cuba or planning an invasion of the island. A customs agent said "millions of rounds of ammunition were seized at the little frame house on the bay along with "every conceivable type of weapon."

Federal agents, state highway patrolmen and sheriff's deputies took part in the raid on the house.

Two persons were found in the house and arrested. They were Manuel Arquez, 32, and Ruby Archer, 36, both of Miami, Fla., who were arraigned before U.S. Com. Ralph Folwer on charges of violating the national firearms act and failing to register weapons. Bond of \$25,000 was set on each.

Three Cubans were arrested Monday and charged with conspiring to violate the national firearms act while allegedly collecting weapons and ammunition for use in efforts to overthrow Cuban President Batista.

They were identified as Luis Chaviano Reyes, 40; Francisco Gonzales Obregon, 38, and Silverio Villemio Mario, 54. Chaviano, a former Cuban army sergeant, was arrested in a motel. Villemio was nabbed in his car and Gonzales was arrested in a house.

The San Antonio Express  
San Antonio, Texas  
Feb. 19, 1958

Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Character: \_\_\_\_\_  
SA File: \_\_\_\_\_  
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*Manuel Arquez*

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(Type in plain text or code)Via URGENT 2/21/58 CST:  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI AND SACS, MIAMI AND HOUSTON  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO (3P)

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL, FPM DASH CUBA, NM, RA. RE  
BUREAU TEL TO MIAMI, HOUSTON, NEW ORLEANS, AND SAN ANTONIO  
DATED FEB. EIGHTEEN. LAST [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ADVISED TODAY THAT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] <sup>1A3</sup> ARRESTED  
NIGHT OF [REDACTED] LAST, BY MEXICAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS NEAR  
REYNOSA, MEXICO, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

SUBJECT IN STATEMENT TO MEXICAN CUSTOMS OFFICERS ADVISED IS

[REDACTED]

STATED [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

STATED HAD NO SPECIAL CONTACTS IN MEXICO. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECTS AUTO A [REDACTED]

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Special Agent in Charge

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[REDACTED] SUBJECT HAD MEXICAN  
TOURIST PERMIT NO. [REDACTED] ISSUED BY  
MEXICAN CONSUL, MIAMI, FEB. FIFTEEN, LAST, REFLECTING RESIDENCE  
[REDACTED] MEXICAN  
CUSTOMS PERMIT NO. [REDACTED] DATED FEB. TWENTY,  
LAST, FOR [REDACTED] FEB. TWENTY, LAST,  
REFLECTED ADDRESS [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT HAD NATURALIZATION CERTIFICATE NO. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ISSUED BY U. S. DISTRICT COURT, MIAMI, JUNE  
SEVENTEEN FIFTYFIVE. ALL DOCUMENTS IN POSSESSION SUBJECT WERE  
IN NAME [REDACTED] HOWEVER, SUBJECT ADVISED MEXICAN CUSTOMS  
HIS NAME IS [REDACTED] MEXICAN CUSTOMS OFFICIALS  
ADVISED SUBJECT TO BE TRANSPORTED TO [REDACTED] FOR TRIAL.  
SUBJECT DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] SUBJECT HAS NOT  
BEEN INTERVIEWED BY BUREAU AGENTS. THIS INFORMATION BEING  
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FURNISHED BUREAU OF CUSTOMS AGENTS AT MC ALLEN, TEXAS.

SAN ANTONIO TAKING NO FURTHER ACTION.

END & ACK PLS.

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Date: 2/20/58

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED]

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL  
FPM-CUBA; NM; RA

Re: Report of SA WARREN E. SALISBURY, 2/6/58, Houston.

The following is being set forth in order that all offices will be fully apprised of the information that has come to the attention of the Houston Office since referenced report, highlights and important developments of which have been furnished immediately by teletype.

On 2/3/58 it was learned through U.S. Customs. Houston that the [REDACTED]

- 3 - Bureau (AM)
- 1 - Los Angeles (AM)
- 1 - Miami [REDACTED] (AM)
- 1 - New Orleans [REDACTED] (AM)
- 1 - New York [REDACTED] (AM)
- ① - San Antonio (AM)
- 1 - San Juan (AM)
- 1 - Washington Field (AM)
- 1 - Houston

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Special Agent in Charge

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also advised

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Informant also advised

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On 2/3/58 informant advised

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[redacted]

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Information which came to the attention of the  
Houston Office on 2/4&5/58 is set forth in detail in Houston  
airtel of 2/5/58. This airtel in essence points out

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Informant

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advised also as set forth in this airtel that [redacted]

[redacted]

On 2/5/58 informant advised that [redacted]

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On 2/6/58 informant advised that [redacted]

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On 2/5/58 the informant [redacted]

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During this same contact with informant [redacted]

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Informant continued that on 2/5/58 [redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] The informant was of the opinion

[redacted]

X On 2/6/58 the San Antonio Office was advised that they had received information from sources considered reliable

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On 2/7/58 informant advised that [redacted]

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On 2/8/58 [redacted] advised as follows.

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On 2/9/58 informant advised that [redacted]

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On 2/9/58 the informant also advised that [redacted]

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On 2/10/58 informant advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted] Informant also advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

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Customs advised that the following individuals are all located in one motel in Pasadena; however, from the information furnished by the informant [redacted]

[redacted] known to the informant to be in the Houston area and are not the vanguard of any possible "troop" movement into the Houston area;

[redacted]

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On 2/11/58 informant advised that [redacted]

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The informant also advised that [redacted]

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The informant advised that [redacted]

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Informant also advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

Informant also advised [redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

Later on 2/11/58 informant advised that [redacted]

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[redacted]

Informant also advised that [redacted]

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Informant was advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

On 2/11/58 an agent of this office was present when [redacted]  
[redacted] of the [redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by [redacted]

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[redacted]

On 2/12/58 U.S. Customs advised that [redacted]

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On 2/12/58 U.S. Customs advised that they had learned that [redacted]

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Customs advised on 2/11/58 that [redacted]

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from Miami had on that date checked back into the [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On 2/13/58 Customs advised that the [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On 2/14/58 informant advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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On 2/14/58 informant advised that [redacted]  
[redacted]

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[redacted]

[redacted] Informant also advised that [redacted]

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[redacted] Informant

also advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

On 2/16/58 U.S. Customs advised that [redacted]

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On 2/16/58 Customs advised that [redacted]

[redacted]

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[redacted] and informant [redacted]

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In the early morning of 2/17/58, informant advised that

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[redacted] All of the above persons apparently furnished their true names when being booked, these names being supported in all instances except regarding [redacted] informant with passports.

On 2/17/58 through the assistance of the Pasadena Police Department, [redacted]

[redacted]

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On 2/17/58 Customs also advised [redacted]

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On the basis of information furnished by San Antonio in their teletypes of 2/17 and 18/58 U. S. Customs was successful in [redacted]

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[REDACTED]

On 2/18/58 it was learned through Mr. SCHARFF that on 2/17/58 instructions had been given to one of his men to file complaints and obtain warrants for all the persons arrested above [REDACTED] and to also obtain complaints and warrants for RUBY ARQUES, Mr. and Mrs. McKEOWN, Commander JORGE, GARCIA, and CARMEN. ARQUES and RUBY were arrested after their arrival at the Shady Lake residence to which they apparently proceeded immediately after docking at Kemah and were put in jail. This arrest, however, occurred in the late PM after dark and Mr. SCHARFF did not learn until the morning of 2/18/58 that the only complaints that had been filed the previous day were those against the persons who had been in custody on 2/17/58. Additional complaints were filed upon the opening of the commissioner's office on 2/18/58.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] However, the search of the residence [REDACTED] may not be based on the warrant previously obtained but may be based on information furnished by [REDACTED] [REDACTED] furnished signed statements to U. S. Customs regarding their participation in instant matter at Houston, Texas.

It is believed that the initial complaints which were filed against the subject all pertained to possession and transportation of the automatic weapons and when OBREGON was given his hearing before the U. S. Commissioner on 2/18/58 he was



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released by the commissioner to Immigration Service because Customs had failed to establish probable cause. Immigration advised that they can deport this individual but due to the type of case it is the policy of their department, which they are obligated to follow, to permit him to voluntarily return and also not to hold such persons in jail. INS advised that they have an agreement with a local family in Houston who boards and rooms such individuals and that OBREGON had been taken to this residence.

After learning of this, U. S. Customs suddenly realized they had a statement from [REDACTED] which clearly implicated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] An agent of this office was present when Mr. SCHARFF telephonically contacted the USA's office regarding this and from Mr. SCHARFF's side of the conversation it appeared that they contemplated filing charges against all possible subjects on the morning of 2/19/58 for violation of Title 18, Section 960, U.S. Code, and also the general conspiracy statute.

No photograph or fingerprint record of the informant was made at the Pasadena PD.

On 2/17/58 informant [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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On 2/18/58 the informant [redacted]

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Informant made [redacted]

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On 2/18/58 informant advised that [redacted]

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On 2/18/58 it was ascertained that [redacted]

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On 2/19/58 informant contacted the Houston Office and advised that [redacted]

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By airtel 2/14/58 the Bureau was advised that information had come to the attention of the Houston Office that

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On 2/15/58 it was learned that [redacted]

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[redacted]

As a result of the Houston Post's learning that [redacted] possessed information in this matter on 2/17/58 the Houston Post broke this story. [redacted]

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[redacted]

Premature disclosure of this story by the Houston Post caught the Customs Service and ATTU by surprise and on the basis of succeeding events it appears they were improvising as they proceeded with their investigation and apprehensions, consequently taking action which may give them future difficulties. At the time they apprehended MANUEL ARQUES and RUBY ARCHER without warrants, although their plan was to have warrants prior to these arrests. They secured a search warrant which may possibly prove invalid, seized the boat BUDDY DEE



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without securing any prior process or authority from the USA's office.

On 2/19/58 AUSA advised an agent of the Houston Office that the USA was upset over the manner in which the Customs Service handled this case and stated the USA's office felt that the action of the Customs Service in making two illegal arrests, serving an invalid search warrant, and seizing the boat BUDDY DEE without process may adversely effect the case.

AUSA FRED L. HARTMAN on 2/19/58 received a call from JACK DAVITT, <sup>Special Assistant to the AG</sup> who was calling in behalf of the Attorney General, to obtain the full facts of this matter. Based on the Department's call, USA WILLIAM B. BUTLER called a conference which was attended by Customs and ATTU to ascertain the full and complete facts of Customs activities and iron out problems. AUSA HARTMAN advised that to date he has not been furnished a report from the Customs Service. USA BUTLER has requested the Houston Office to furnish him with a copy of the report of SA WARREN E. SALISBURY dated 2/6/58 at Houston. This has been done.

[REDACTED]

## Reynosa Seizes Arms for Cuba

REYNOSA, Mex., Feb. 23 (AP)—Machine guns and ammunition destined for Cuban rebels were seized Saturday by customs officials.

Ramon Reymon Alfonso, a Cuban, was arrested and admitted he had planned to deliver them to Fidel Castro forces.

He said he bought them himself, with his own money, and that he had no accomplices.

He crossed the border here in a 1950 Cadillac. Hidden in the body of the car were hundreds of rounds of ammunition, and several machine guns.

He told officials he had planned to drive to Tampico, then Veracruz, and finally to the Yucatan Peninsula where he hoped to ship the arms to Cuba.

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TO : SAC, [REDACTED]

FROM : SA HAROLD H. CROSSETT

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

DATE: 2/28/58

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NEUTRALITY MATTERS

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CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ET AL  
FPM - CUBA, NM, RA

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On 2/21/58 [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in a statement to Mexican Customs officers  
stated [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] and had no serial number.

[REDACTED] bore the number [REDACTED]

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Subject's automobile was a [REDACTED]  
Motor No. [REDACTED] He stated  
the car was purchased in Chicago, Illinois, for cash.

Subject had a Mexican Tourist Permit No. [REDACTED]  
which had been issued by the [REDACTED]  
on 2/15/58. This document reflected the subject's residence  
as [REDACTED] A Mexican Customs  
Permit No. [REDACTED] dated 2/20/58 for the Cadillac was obtained  
at [REDACTED] and reflected the address [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Subject had a Naturalization Certificate bearing  
No. [REDACTED] issued by the U. S. District Court at Miami, Florida,  
on 6/17/55. All documents in the possession of the subject [REDACTED]

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were in the name [redacted] however, he advised Mexican Customs officials that his name is [redacted]

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( Mexican Customs officials stated subject would be transported to [redacted] for trial. )

The subject was described as follows:

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SKHP ( Efforts to locate a U. S. Customs Agent at McAllen, Texas, on 2/21/58 met with negative results. )

On 2/22/58 U. S. Customs Agent LESLIE BOBO was furnished information which had been received from informant relative to this subject. BOBO stated that [redacted]

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[redacted]

On 2/22/58 U. S. Customs Agent ROBERT LIGON, JR., advised he had just returned from Houston, Texas, where he had been working on a related matter and that the information furnished by the FBI in this matter was highly appreciated.

Feb. 24, 1968

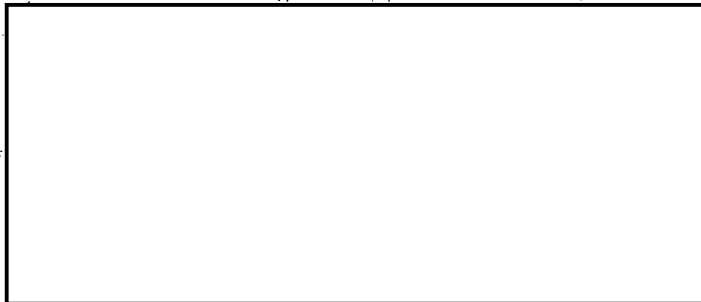
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, SAN ANTONIO  
RE: CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, et. al.  
FIM - CUBA

Lt. BOB PEREZ, San Antonio Police Department, advises that at 4:30 A. M., February 23, 1968, the San Antonio Police Department arrested three men and a woman on suspicion of narcotics violation. They were arrested in the 700 block of East Commerce Street, San Antonio. One of the men, [redacted] is a police officer from Monterrey, Mexico, and entered this country on a 72-hour visa which expired 24 hours prior to his arrest.

is searching HERRERA, the San Antonio Police Department [redacted] contained the following:

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San Antonio indices contain no pertinent information concerning these individuals.

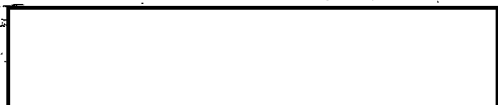
Lt. PEREZ stated they are being held for Immigration and the U. S. Bureau of Narcotics. He furnished this information

- 2 Bureau
- 1 cc. Miami
- 1 cc. Dallas
- 2 cc. Houston

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to this office as a matter of possible interest only.

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It is not known whether the statement [redacted]  
[redacted] has any  
connection with the CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS case which is being  
handled by U. S. Customs, or not. However, it is suggested  
that Houston furnish this information to the Customs official  
who is directing the investigation, which apparently centers in  
the Houston area.

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No further action being taken by San Antonio since  
Immigration and Bureau of Narcotics notified by San Antonio  
Police Department.

Informational copies furnished Miami and Dallas  
in view of prior activity in this case.

# S P E C I A L

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TO : DIRECTOR AND SAC, MIAMI

FROM: SAC, [REDACTED]

CARLOS PRIO SOCARRAS, ETAL. FPM DASH CUBA, NM, RA. ON THIS DATE MR. SCHARFF, U. S. CUSTOMS, HOUSTON, ADVISED THIS OFFICE THAT HE HAD JUST RECEIVED INFORMATION FROM U. S. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT BROWNSVILLE THAT AT APPROXIMATELY TWELVE NOON MARCH SIX INSTANT U. S. CUSTOMS, BROWNSVILLE, HAD ARRESTED [REDACTED]

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INDIVIDUALS DRIVING NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN DESOTO BEARING FLORIDA LICENSE IW SIX ZERO FOUR THREE W. ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] THESE THREE INDIVIDUALS STATED THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI WITH THIS GOLD. ABOVE INFORMATION FURNISHED TO BUREAU AND MIAMI FOR ANY PURPOSE IT MIGHT SERVE. NEW YORK AND SAN ANTONIO ADVISED AIRMAIL.

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